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SUBJECT: AUGUST 14 CABINET COMMUNIQUE --APPEAL OF NEW
SETTLEMENTS DECISION POSTPONED

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:
AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S CABINET MEETING, THE
FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT (UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION FROM THE HEBREW):
BEGIN QUOTE: THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REPORTED TO THE
CABINET ON THE MINISTERIAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE'S DECISION
OF JUNE 28, 1978. TO ESTABLISH FIVE NAHAL OUTPOSTS IN THE
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JORDAN VALLEY AND ON HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME THE
DECISION WAS ADOPTED THAT HE WOULD ASK FOR THE MATTER TO
BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE CABINET. THE CABINET DECIDED
TO DISCUSS THE APPEAL AFTER THE CAMP DAVID MEETING.
UNQUOTE.

2. NOTE: IN ADDITION TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN,

MINISTERS EHRLICH, WEIZMAN, SHARON AND HAMMER WERE
ABSENT FROM THE MEETING. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THE
SPEED WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT
IS INDICATIVE OF THE EMBARRASSMENT AND CONFUSION
CAUSED BY PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF THE SECRET DECISION TO
ESTABLISH FIVE NEW SETTLEMENTS. CLEARLY THE TIMING
OF THE DISCLOSURE THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CAMP DAVID
MEETING, IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF CONCERN TO THE GOI. TODAY'S
DECISION IS UNUSAL IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PRIME
MINISTER (WHO IS ON HOLIDAY) AND THREE KEY MINISTERS
WERE NOT PRESENT, UNDERSCORING THE URGENCY WITH WHICH
THE GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE NEED
TO PUT THIS ISSUE ON ICE UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT.
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